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For: MICROORGANISM CULTURING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF INSERTING BAG INTO CULTURING APPARATUS	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.56, and in recognition of their duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office relevant information known to be material to patentability, Applicants herewith submit the attached Form PTO-1449. Reference Nos. 1-4 were cited in the attached International Search Report for PCT Application No. PCT/JP2004/009321.

Applicants note that Reference No. 4 is incorrectly listed as JP 011243293 on the International Search Report and should be listed as 01-124329.

The relevance of Reference Nos. 1 and 2 is discussed in the English translation of the International Search Report attached hereto.

The relevance of Reference No. 5 is discussed in on page 1 of the substitute specification filed concurrently herewith.

The relevance of Reference No. 6 is discussed in on page 1 of the substitute specification filed concurrently herewith.

The relevance of Reference No. 7 is discussed in on pages 1 and 2 of the substitute specification filed concurrently herewith.

The relevance of Reference No. 8 is discussed in on page 2 of the substitute specification filed concurrently herewith.

The statement is not a representation that all of the information cited is necessarily effective as prior art against the application.

Applicants respectfully request that the cited references be made of record in the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,



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